IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| BRIAN ABRAM | § | |
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| (TDCJ No. 1124664), | § | |
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| Petitioner, | § | |
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| V. | § | No. 3:16-CV-0148-D |
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| WILLIAM STEPHENS, Director, | § | |
| Texas Department of Criminal Justice, | § | |
| Correctional Institutions Division, | § | |
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| Respondent. | § | |
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ORDER

After making an independent review of the pleadings, files, and records in this case, and the findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the magistrate judge, the court concludes that the findings and conclusions are correct. It is therefore ordered that the findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the magistrate judge are adopted.

Considering the record in this case and pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 22(b), Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing §§ 2254 and 2255 proceedings, and 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), the court denies a certificate of appealability. The court adopts and incorporates by reference the magistrate judge's findings, conclusions, and recommendation filed in this case in support of its finding that the petitioner has failed to show (1) that reasonable jurists would find this court's "assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong," or (2) that reasonable jurists would find "it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right" and "debatable

whether [this court] was correct in its procedural ruling." Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S.473, 484 (2000).

If petitioner files a notice of appeal,

- () petitioner may proceed in forma pauperis on appeal.
- (X) petitioner must pay the \$505.00 appellate filing fee or submit a motion to proceed in forma pauperis.

SO ORDERED.

February 25, 2016.

SIDNEY A. FITZWATER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE